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An ACCOUNT of the Anocando, *a monſtrous Species of Serpent in the* Eaſt-Indies, *and the Manner of it's ſeizing and managing it's Prey.*

In a LETTER from an *Engliſh* Gentleman to his Friend, many Years reſident there.

SIR,

I HAVE read, with great Pleaſure, the Accounts you have occaſionally given me of the more wonderful Sorts of Animals, and their Properties, your late Account of the *River-Horſe*. I have had the more Pleaſure in, as I have ſeen many of the Creatures in *Ceylon** , and find your Account accurate and juſt. Your late Relation of the Manner of the *Rattle-Snake*'s charming it's Prey, gave me no leſs Satisfaction. Theſe may ſeem ſtrange to thoſe, who have ſeen no Part of the World but that they were born in; but to the Traveller they are in a Manner familiar. I have an Account to give you here, however, to which all that might appear moſt ſtrange in your Relations will ſeem natural, and ſuch a one as I know muſt ſtartle even you: But be aſſured, Sir, I ſhall aggravate no Circumſtance, but relate merely what myſelf and more than a hundred others ſaw, and gazed at for two whole Days together.—And to cut ſhort my Preface, let me enter upon the Story.

Some Years ſince, the Commands of my Directors carrying me to *Ceylon*, to tranſact an Affair of no little Conſequence, I had an Apartment prepared for me on the Skirts of the principal Town, facing the Woods; at ſome Diſtance from my Window there was a riſing Ground, on which ſtood three or four very large Palm Trees, that afforded me every Morning as I lay in Bed a delightful Proſpect. One Morning, as I was looking at theſe, I ſaw, as I thought, a large Arm of one of them in ſtrange Commotions, bending and twiſting about, tho' there was no Wind, and often ſtriking on the Earth then raiſing it again, and loſing it among the Leaves. I was gazing at this with great Amazement, when a *Ceyloneſe* coming in, I begged him to look and wonder with me; he look'd, Sir, and was much more amazed and terrified than I: In ſhort a Paleneſs overſpread his whole Face, and he ſeemed almoſt ſinking to the Earth with Terror. He conjur'd me to bar up all my Doors; then told me, that what appeared an Arm of a Tree to me, was in Reality a Serpent of that monſtrous Size, diverting itſelf there with it's various Commotions, and now and then darting down to the Earth for Prey. I ſoon found out the Truth of what he told me, and looking more nearly, ſaw it ſeize a ſmall Animal before me, and take it up into the Tree. Enquiring after this Miracle, the *Ceyloneſe* told me, that the Wonder was only that the Creature was ſo near us, for that it was a Serpent but too well known on the Iſland; but that it uſually kept in the inland Parts and Woods, where it often dropp'd down from the Covert of a large Tree, and devoured a Traveller alive. A Relation ſo ſtrange as this could never have gained Credit with me, but that I plainly ſaw before my Eyes a Creature, from it's Size, capable of doing more than was related. The Monſter, Sir, continued diverting himſelf, till we aſſembled a Body of twelve of us, to go on Horſeback well arm'd to deſtroy him. We rode up toward the Place in a Body; but, not to expoſe ourſelves to unneceſſary Dangers, we ſurrounded the Ground, and rode behind a cloſe Thicket, from whence we might unſeen level our Fire-Arms at him. It was by this Time the Heat of the Day; and when we arrived there, we found him ſo much larger than we had conceived, that we all wiſhed ourſelves ſafe at home again; and it was a long Time before any Body dared fire a Gun. We had now Time to obſerve the Creature, and believe me, Sir, all the Deſcriptions of Monſters of this Kind, hitherto given, are Triffles to the Truth of what we ſaw in him. The *Ceyloneſe* all agreed he was much larger than any they had ever ſeen; and ſuch a Mixture of Horror and of Beauty together, no Eye but that which ſaw it can conceive. The Creature, Sir, was more than as thick as a ſlender Man's Waiſt, yet ſeemed far from fat, and very long in Proportion to his Thickneſs; often hanging himſelf by the Tail from the higheſt Boughs of the Tree, and reaching the Ground with his Head. He was ſurprizingly agile and nimble, and was now diverting himſelf in the Heat of the Day with a thouſand Gambols round the Branches of the Tree, and ſometimes would come down and twiſt his Tail round the Bottom of the Trunk, throwing himſelf to his whole Length all round it. In the midſt of one of theſe Gambols, we were ſurprized to ſee him get up in haſte into the Tree; but the Cauſe ſoon appeared; a ſmall Animal of the Fox Kind, but not like our *Engliſh* Foxes, coming immediately after it, the Serpent had ſeen him coming, and took this Way to be prepared for him. He darted down upon the unwary Creature from the Tree, and ſuck'd him in in a few Minutes, then lick'd his Chops with a broad double Tongue of a blackiſh Colour, and laid himſelf at his Eaſe at Length upon the Ground, but with his Tail ſtill twiſted round the Tree. In this Poſture I had Leiſure with Horror, yet with Admiration, to behold him. He was covered all over with Scales like thoſe of a Crocodile, all ridged up in the middle; his Head was green, with a vaſt black Spot in the middle, and yellow Streaks round the Jaws; he had a yellow Circle like a golden Collar round his Neck, and behind that another great Spot of Black. His Sides were of a duſky Olive Colour, and his Back more beautiful than can be well imagined; there ran down the middle of it a broad Chain of Black, curled and waved at the Edges; round this there runs all the Way a narrow one of Fleſh Colour, and on the Outſide of that a very broad one of a bright Yellow, not ſtrait like a Ribbon, but waved and curled in various Inflections, and ſpotted all over at ſmall Diſtances with great round and long Blotches of a perfect Blood Colour; his Head was very flat, but extremely broad, and his Eyes monſtrouſly large, and very bright and terrible.

Theſe, Sir, were his Colours as he lay ſtill, but when he moved about in the Sun he was a thouſand Times more beautiful; the Colours, according to the ſeveral Shades of the Light, preſenting the Eye with a vaſt Variety of Mixtures, and in many Places looking like our changeable Colours in Silk.

We now aimed all our Pieces at him as he lay, and fired at his Head all at the ſame Inſtant; but whether he accidentally moved juſt at that Time, or our Fears made us take bad Sight, or whatever elſe might be the Cauſe, we either miſſed him or never hurt him; in ſhort, he took no ſort of Notice of it, and after a Council of War, we all agreed to make no farther Attempt upon him at that Time, but to go home, and return with a ſtronger Party the next Day.

The *Ceyloneſe* ſeemed to know the Creature well, they call it *Anocando*, and talked of eating it's Fleſh when they caught it, as they had no ſmall Hopes of this; for they ſay, when one of theſe Creatures chooſes a Tree for his Dwelling, he ſeldom quits it of a long Time. I detained my Company of *Ceyloneſe* to dine with me, and the Afternoon was ſpent in relating the amazing Things which one or other of the Company had ſeen in this Sort of Monſters: In ſhort, they told a thouſand Things that far outwent my Credulity; but I am to inform you, that what we ſaw the following Day as much exceeded all they had told me, as what they told ſeemed to exceed Truth and Probability. It ſeems the conſtant Cuſtom of this Creature to lay wait for it's Prey, is by hiding in the Boughs of large Trees, whence it, unſuſpected, drops upon the wretched Creature, which is ſeized before it ſees it's Enemy.——But the Inſtance we ſaw of this I muſt relate to you at large.

The next Morning, Sir, we aſſembled to the Number of more than a hundred at the old Thicket, where we had the Pleaſure (if I dare call it ſo) to find our Enemy ſtill at his old Poſt; he ſeemed very fierce and very hungry this Morning, and we ſoon ſaw the amazing Effects of it. There are great Plenty of Tygers, you muſt know, Sir, in that Country: One of theſe, of a monſtrous Size, not lower than a common Heifer, as he went along, came at length under our Serpent's Tree; in a Moment we heard a dreadful Ruſtling in the Tree, and ſwift as Thought, the Serpent dropp'd upon him, ſeizing him acroſs the Back, a little below the Shoulders, with his horrible Mouth, and taking in a Piece of the Back bigger than a Man's Head; the Creature roared with Agony, and to our unſpeakable Terror, was running with his Enemy towards us; his Courſe however was ſoon ſtopped, for the nimble Adverſary winding his Body three or four Times round the Body of his Prey, girted him ſo violently that he ſoon fell down in Agony. The Moment the Serpent had fixed his Folds, he let go the Back of the Creature, and riſing and twining round his Head, opened it's horrid Mouth to it's full Extent, and ſeized the whole Face of the Tyger in it, biting and grinding him in a moſt horrid Manner, and at once choaking him and tearing him to Pieces. The Tyger rear'd up again on this, and Words are too poor to paint his ſeeming Agony; he wreathed and toſſed about, but all in vain; the Enemy wherever he went was with him, and his hollow Roaring within the Deſtroyer's Mouth was dreadful beyond Expreſſion.

I was for firing on the Creature in this State, but they all declared againſt it; they told me they knew his Cuſtoms ſo well, that they were now very ſure of him without any Trouble or Hazard, if they let him alone, but if they diſturbed him in this Condition, he would be ſo outragious that ſeveral of our Lives would aſſuredly pay the Forfeit. They ſeemed to know ſo well what they were about, that I readily acquieſced. Several of us ſpent the whole Day, Sir, in obſerving this ſtrange Sight; and ſurely the Agonies of the Tyger were beyond all that can be conceived, and his Death more horrid than a thouſand other Deaths with all their Tortures put together.

The Tyger was a very ſtrong and fierce Creature, and tho' unable to hurt or get rid of it's cruel Enemy, yet gave him a World of Trouble; a hundred Times would he rear up and run a little Way, but ſoon fell down again, partly oppreſſed by the Weight, and partly by the Folds and wreathed Twiſts of the Serpent round his Body; but tho' he fell, he was far from being conquered, or at all manageable. After ſome Hours, he ſeemed much ſpent, and lay as if dead; and the Serpent, who had many Times girted himſelf violently round him, attempting to break his Bones, but in vain, now let go his Hold; and twiſting his Tail only round the Tyger's Neck, who was now in no Condition either to reſiſt or eſcape, he made towards the Tree, dragging with ſome Pains the Victim after him. Now appeared the double Uſe of the Tree to the Creature: Nature it ſeems informs this Animal, that tho' it can conquer large Creatures as theſe, it can by no Means devour them as they are, ſince their Bodies are too thick for his Swallow, and therefore he muſt break their Bones, and reduce them to a ſoft Maſs, before he can manage them. This he uſually does,

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* *An Iſland of* Aſia, *in the* Indian *Sea, near the Cape of* Comori, *on this Side the River* Ganges: *It is* 100 *Leagues long from N. to S. and* 60 *broad from E. to W. The maritime Parts belong to the* Dutch, *and the Iſland is ſituated between the* 6*th and* 10*th Degrees of North Latitude, and about* 97 *Degrees of Longitude Eaſt from* London. *The principal Town is* Colombo.

as we saw him attempt it on the Tyger, by girting his Body very firmly and hard round them, by this Means crushing them to Pieces; but when this Method will not take Place, he has Recourse to the Tree, as we now had Opportunity to observe.

He dragged the Tyger, Sir, by Degrees after him to the Tree, and the Creature being now almost dead, and unable to stand, he seized him lightly a second Time by the Back, and set him on his Legs against the Trunk of the Tree, then immediately winding his Body round both the Tyger and the Tree several Times, he girted both with all his Violence, 'til the Ribs and other Bones began to give Way, and by repeated Attempts of this Kind, he broke all the Ribs almost one by one, this Creature's Bones being prodigiously tough, and each giving a loud Crack when it broke: When he had managed all the Ribs thus, he next attempted the Legs, and broke them severally in the same Manner, and each in four or five different Places; this took up many Hours, and the poor Creature all this While was living, and at every loud Crack of the Bones gave a Howl, tho' not loud, yet piteous enough to pierce the cruellest Heart, and make even a Man forget his natural Hatred to it's Species, and pity it's Misery. After the Legs, the Snake attacked the Skull in the same Manner, but this proved so difficult a Task, that the Monster, tired with his Fatigue, and seeing his Prey in no Condition of escaping, left him for the Night at the Foot of the Tree, and retired into it himself to rest. This gave us Occasion of going home; and I must assure you, I could not sleep for the poor Tyger, who was naturally so strong and vigorous that we left him still alive, tho' broken and mangled in this miserable Manner.

In the Morning I returned with several others to the Thicket, but as we rode up, we saw a strange Change in the Face of Things; the Body of the Tyger, which was now no longer to be known as such, but looked like a red Lump of shapeless Matter, was dragg'd to some Distance from the Tree, and shone all over as covered with Glue or Jelly; when we arrived, we saw very plainly the Meaning of all this, the Snake was yet busy about it. He had laid it's Legs one by one close to the Body, and was now laying the Head strait before, and licking the Body (which now had no remaining Shape of one, it's Bones being all broken) and covering it with his Slaver, which was what gave it that shining Look, coating it over like a Jelly, and rendering it fit for swallowing. A great deal of Time was employed in this; but at length the Serpent having prepared it to his Mind, drew himself up before it, and seiz'd the Head, just as the Rattle Snake in your Account did the Rat, and began to suck that, and afterwards the Body, down into his Throat; this was a Work of so much Time, that I left him struggling at the Shoulders when I went home to Dinner, and by the Account of those who staid to watch him, it was Night before he got the Whole in.

The Morning following we all assembled for the last Time, and the very Women and Children followed us, assuring us, that as the Prey was gorged there was no Danger. I could by no Means conceive the Meaning of this 'til I came to the Place, but then I found it very true; the Serpent had so loaded his Belly, that he could neither fight nor run away. He attempted on our Approach, to climb the Tree, but in vain, and was soon knocked on the Head with Staves.

We measur'd him, and his Length was thirty three Feet four Inches. He was soon cut up, and I assure you, Sir, afforded a Flesh whiter than Veal, and as they said that eat of it, finer tasted than any Flesh whatsoever.

I hope the curious Nature of this Account will plead Pardon for it's Length, and am, with great Wishes of Success to you,

Worthy SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

R. EDWIN.

LONDON, *August* 3.

ARrived at Spithead Commodore Edgecumbe, in the Monmouth, in Company with the Monarch and Fougeux, from Gibraltar, having on board Wolfe's and Skelton's Regiments of Foot; they were 22 Days in Passage, and off Lisbon met with a French Fleet of 4 large Ships of War, and 5 Frigates, commanded by an Admiral who had a white Flag at the Mizzen Topmast Head, but did not tell whither bound.——*The Arrival of these Ships gives the Lie to the Report that Commodore Rodney was return'd.*

August 5. The Prince of Wales, Prince Edward, and the Duke of Cumberland, went in a Barge, attended by the Earl of Albemarle, &c. with two other of the King's Barges, to Woolwich, where the Matrosses were reviewed, Sir John Ligonier at their Head. They went through their Exercises with great Alacrity, and discharged their Cannon and small Arms in a regular Manner, and concluded in letting off one Piece 9 Times in a Minute: The Prince of Wales gave 100 Guineas to the Gunners, Matrosses, &c.——In making Preparations for this Review, 5 Men were wounded by the bursting of a Cannon.——And a few Days before two Officers belonging to the Train, Capt. S—— and Capt. W——, fought a Duel, in which both were slightly wounded.

August 12. Three Fellows, who had on the 9th ravished a Woman big with Child going in a Boat to Kingston, so that the Child was killed in her Body, and she herself died the next Day, were apprehended and committed to the Gatehouse.

A Fire broke out in a Serge Warehouse on Cotton's Wharff adjoining to the Bridge-House, and consumed the Dwelling House of the Master Carpenter of London Bridge, three large Warehouses, in which above 4000 Pieces of Serges, Bays and Flannels, were burnt; the Damage computed at 40,000 *l.*

Robert Darby, apprehended the 8th on board a Vessel off Gravesend, on Suspicion of robbing the Western Mail on July 29, was after three Examinations (the Post Boy not positively swearing to him, but that the Robber wore a brown surtout Coat, such as Darby was prov'd to borrow the Evening before) committed to Newgate. He goes very genteel, is the Son of a worthy Divine in Hampshire, has committed several Robberies, and was tried at last Winchester Assizes, but acquitted for Want of Evidence.

August 13. Mr. *Blandy*, an Attorney at *Henley* upon *Thames*, was poisoned by his only Daughter, who was instigated to this unnatural Action by her Father's forbidding, upon just Motives, the Addresses of a young Officer, of a noble Family in *Scotland*, with whom she was passionately in Love. The Poison was first given in Water gruel, which was Mr. *Blandy*'s ordinary Breakfast, Part of which only he drank, Saying to the Maid it had an odd Taste; yet the poor Maid innocently drank the rest, and has thereby brought her Life in great Danger. Mr. *Blandy* would in all Probability have survived this first Attempt, but his Daughter watched a second Opportunity, and effectually accomplished her Purpose. Her Lover, who had retired into the North before this fatal Catastrophe, is said to have furnished the Poison; be this as it will, the following Letter, which has been several Times in the Papers, with the Remarks that follow it, may throw some Light upon this black Affair.

'The Murder of Mr. *Blandy* by his own Daughter, is a Circumstance so singular, and so horrible 'in it's Nature, that it is no wonder if the Attention of the Public is engaged upon so extraordinary an Occasion; but as in all Conspiracies of 'so dark a Kind as a barbarous Assassination, a great Deal is said upon mere Conjecture; so up 'on this melancholy Affair Allegations have been 'asserted with a peremptoriness, which Facts only 'can Challenge. The Motive which induced 'Miss *Blandy* to perpetrate so base a Parricide 'were certainly of an enormous Kind; but it does 'not from thence follow that the Object of her 'Passion was concerned in so execrable an Act of 'Cruelty. Capt. *C*——, Brother to Lord *C*——, 'is known to have been the Gentleman with whom 'this young Lady was in Love. *He is now a 'Batchelor, and though it has been asserted that he 'was married, yet it is certain that the Lords of 'the Session in* Scotland *found the Pretensions of the 'Lady, who claimed him as her Husband, not to be 'valid; and that Capt.* C——, *was at Liberty 'to marry whom he pleased.* He is a Gentleman 'of established Reputation for Bravery, Honour, 'and Humanity, Qualities which ill consist with 'the Character of an Assassin: He was in *Northumberland* at the Time of this melancholy Accident, and not in *Scotland* as has been alledged. 'It was to avoid being the Instrument of giving 'Mr. *Blandy* Uneasiness that made him retire to 'the Country, and chose rather to bear the Absence of his Mistress than the Frowns of her 'Father, who had an unexceptionable Right to 'dictate to her in the important Point of Matrimony.'

Now the real Fact is this:—In the Year 1745, Capt. *C*—— was married to Miss *M—rr—y*, and acknowleged her as his Wife to all his Relations: Within the Year after their Marriage she was brought to Bed, and, at Capt. *C*——'s particular Request, his Brother and Sister, and some other of his Friends, were present at the christening of his Child: In the Year following Capt. *C*—— thought fit to disown his Wife. The Validity of the Marriage came to be tried, and the Proof turned out so strong, that she was declared his Wife both by the Civil and Ecclesiastical Courts of *Scotland*: A separate Maintenance was appointed her, which she now enjoys by Virtue of their Decree. The Truth of this Fact is well known, the whole Proceedings of those Courts being printed, as is the Custom in *Scotland*, and were at that Time in every Body's Hands. On Capt. *C*——'s supposed Addresses to Miss *Blandy*, these very Papers were sent Mr. *Blandy*, her Father, that both he and his Daughter might be satisfied that Capt. *C*—— was really married.—Whatever therefore may be the *Honour* and *Humanity* of Capt *C*——, the Writer of the above Paragraph, we are well assured, must be void of both, thus to traduce the Character of a virtuous Lady.

—After Miss *Blandy* had given her Father the last fatal Potion, he complain'd of his Bowels, and she advised him to take *Daffy*'s *Elixir*, which he had no sooner drank, than he fell from his Chair in the most violent Agonies, and remain'd so for 48 Hours, in which Time his Body swell'd to such a Degree that it burst, and he died a most shocking Spectacle.—Miss *Blandy* being suspected of this cruel Parricide, on searching her Apartments there was found in a small Dressing-box a Quantity of White Arsenic mixed up with a certain Composition to make it palatable; which she said was only a Powder to clean her Jewels. Being examined before a Magistrate she treated her Accusation with great Contempt; notwithstanding which it was thought necessary to commit her to the County Goal, whither she was carried in her Father's Chariot. After she had been in Prison some Time, being ask'd how she could perpetrate such a cruel Deed, she reply'd, *she did not think there was any Crime to dispatch a cross old Fellow out of the Way, who was the only Bar to her Happiness, and that she would do it, were it to be done again.*

Aug. 20. Were tried at Kingston Assizes James Welch and Thomas Jones, for the Murder of Sarah Green, on the 23d of July, 1748, for which Murder Richard Coleman was wrongfully hanged. The principal Witness against the Prisoners was James Nichols, who said, that on the 23d of July 1748, the Prisoners and himself had been drinking together from 6 in the Evening 'til 10 at Night; that coming along Kennington Lane, he being foremost overtook the Deceased, and knowing her, ask'd her to drink, to which she consented, and they went to the King's Head at Kennington, and called for a Pint of Beer; that while they were drinking it, the Prisoners came in, called for a Quartern of Gin, drank it, and went away, and he and the Deceased immediately followed; that when they came to Newington Church Walk the Prisoners forced the Deceased from him, who had hold of his Arm, saying, *you have been concern'd with her, and* (with a great Oath) *we will too*; he replied, *I have not, neither shall you if I can help it* *; they then swore if he molested them they would stick him, and drew a Knife, upon which he went about 20 Yards from them, and saw Welch lie down to the deceased, and after him Jones lay down to her; that in the mean Time the deceased scream'd violently, using these Expressions,—*don't use me so barbarously,—stick me,—kill me,*—that after they had done with her, they came up to him, saying, now he might be concern'd with her; but they had spoilt her for him.—Being ask'd if he had heard of one Coleman being try'd and executed for that Fact, his Answer was, he

* *In the solemn Declaration deliver'd in Writing by Richard Coleman to the Rev. Mr. Wilson, who attended him at the Place of Execution, he there takes Notice among other Things, that when he was carry'd before Sarah Green, at St. Thomas's Hospital to see if she could know him; she said to him*; if you were one of them, [*meaning the Ruffians that abused her*] we walk'd a good Way, and talked of indifferent Things, and you behaved much like a Gentleman; but when I was assaulted you ran away, which was not behaving like a Man.—*This confirms the Truth of Nichols's Evidence, and shews that the Impression of their Usage to her remain'd, even when her Disorder had destroy'd her Memory of the Persons,—for it now appears that Nichols was the Person she had the Knowlege of, and took for the Brewer's Clerk, and not Coleman, whom she had never seen; as is plain from her Answer: When she was asked what Sort of a Man he was? she said, he wore his own Hair, and had a Caretty Beard; whereas Coleman had not worn his own Hair for* 14 *Years before.*

he knew it was but Coleman was innocent. He was then ask'd, why he did not make known the Truth Time enough to save an innocent Man's Life? he said, the Prisoners had been his School fellows, and he had not discover'd it now, if they had not been taken up. On this and other corroborating Evidence the Prisoners were found GUILTY. The Manner of this horrid Scene being brought to Light is very remarkable. One James Bush, being intimate with Welch, went one Sunday a walking with him, and among other Discourse, an Argument arose about People that were hanged wrongfully. Welch said, *Coleman was hanged wrongfully, he was sure*; for Tom Jones, Jemmy Nichols, and himself did the Fact, and in coming home shew'd Bush the two Trees between which they laid the Woman down. Some Months after this Bush meeting his Father upon London Bridge, said to him, *Father, I have not been well, and I fear I shall die. I have something to disclose to you,—Coleman was hanged wrongfully.*—The old Man was much surprized, and anxious to know the Particulars, and took his Son to a Public House, where he was informed of all Welch had said. On which he went immediately in search of Jones, found him, and charged him with the Fact. He trembled and said,—*what signifies it,—the Man is hang'd and the Woman dead,—and Nobody can hurt us.* But afterwards recollecting himself, he added, *we were concerned with a Woman, but who can tell that was the Woman Coleman died for?*—This however furnish'd Grounds of Suspicion, and was the Means of bringing these unnatural Villains to Justice.—Coleman, after giving a very minute Detail of every Circumstance that attended his Prosecution in the solemn Declaration already mention'd, wherein he clears himself of the Guilt wherewith he was charged, and for which he was to suffer, and shews the Hardships he met with in the unfair Proceedings against him, concludes thus: "I do most solemnly protest, that I am not in any Manner Guilty of that most inhuman Murder of Sarah Green, neither was I at Newington, or in Kennington Lane that Night that the cruel Fact was committed on Sarah Green. This I declare as a dying Man, and I sincerely believe (as the Rev. Mr. Wilson told me several Times) if I was directly or indirectly Guilty of that Murder, and go out of the World with denying it, that eternal Damnation would be my Portion. I have the Satisfaction to declare myself to the World (as I have often done to the Rev. Mr. Wilson) that I never was so serene in Mind, or so easy in my Conscience in my Life, as I am at this Time. It is an inexpressible Pleasure to me, that I am soon to leave this very wicked World. Nothing gives me Concern but the Distress that I leave my poor Wife and two Infants in."—We are sorry to say his Concern for his Family was too justly founded; for the World believing the Father Guilty, neglected the Children; and, if we are rightly informed, they perish'd for Want. The Mother, drove to Despair, is an Object of real Charity.

Sept. 7. They write from Glastonbury, that last Week John Banks, Esq; of Dorset, G. Dorington, Esq; of Horsington, and John Fielding, Esq; of Middlesex, who were there for the Benefit of the Waters, attended with the Mayor of the said Town, observing great Numbers of very miserable Wretches, who besides their being afflicted with dreadful Distempers, were Pennyless, and a great Distance from their Homes, made a Collection from House to House among all the Strangers there in Town, and raised the Sum of 10*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* for their Relief; which the said Gentlemen carefully distributed to those who wanted it: In this Distribution the greatest Care was taken to prevent the Encouragement of Beggars, Mumpers, and Impostors, the Mayor himself attending the whole Day, to punish those that were found so: By this Collection near fourscore unhappy Creatures were most sensibly relieved, great Numbers of whom had sold their Goods, Cloaths, and every Thing that would fetch a little Money to come from the greatest Distance, to Glastonbury, in Hopes of meeting with a Cure for their Disorders; in which many of them have been so happy as to succeed, and others in a fair Way of Recovery. What was remarkably shocking was, that scarce one of those who applied for this Charity, had a milder Distemper than the Evil, Leprosy, Asthma, or white Swellings; and it might with Truth be said, that there never was a more chearful Contribution, and that so small a Sum as 10*l.* never did so much real Good since the Memory of Man; for of those that received it, not one could be found, on the strictest Examination, that had either been a common Beggar, or had received Alms from their own Parish. *An excellent Charity this, and well worthy Imitation.*

Sept. 17. The last Letters from Italy bring an Account of a ridiculous and foolish Affair, which, notwithstanding, is like to have very serious and fatal Consequences. Some Time ago Cardinal Doria, who is the Apostolic Legate, or Lord Lieutenant at Bologna, taking Offence at some indiscreet Expressions let fall by the Chevalier Catanelli, caused him to be seized, and not long after banished the Territory under his Jurisdiction. A little after the Chevalier obtained a Pair of Colours in the Service of the Duke of Modena, upon which he ventured to return into the Bolognese; and the Cardinal Legate was no sooner informed of it, than he caused him to be arrested, and sent to Fort Urban, of which he gave immediate Notice to the Court of Modena; where seeming to meet with little Attention, the Cardinal, after some Weeks Imprisonment, dismissed the Chevalier, and banished him a second Time. A few Days after he was dismissed, the Commandant of Fort Urban had Occasion to go to Modena, but was no sooner within the City Gates, than he was seiz'd and sent to Prison; from whence, after some Confinement, he was dismissed with a gentle Intimation, that if ever he set his Feet in the Dominions of Modena again, he should be shewn the shortest Way to the Gallows. This has so incensed the People of Bologna, that about the Beginning of last Month a Body of one hundred and fifty Men made an Irruption into the Villages of Campo Santo and St. Cesarin, destroyed all before them, and not sparing even the Inhabitants; of whom fourteen were killed upon the Spot, and a great many more desperately wounded.

ANNAPOLIS.

Our Rivers have all Bridges of Ice, over which Horses and Carriages pass with Safety; and the Bay, as low down as this Place, which is about eleven Miles wide, appears to be froze quite acrost.

In the late very hard Weather, two Negroes near *Elk-Ridge*, being from their Master's House in the Night, were froze to Death on their Return home.

Last Week WILLIAM FITZHUGH, Esq; of *Virginia*, was married to Mrs. ROUSBY (Widow of Mr. JOHN ROUSBY, deceased), a Gentlewoman of excellent Accomplishments, and a handsome Fortune.

We hear the Small Pox is very rife in *Baltimore* County, and in some Parts of this. Col. *William Hammond*, of *Baltimore-Town*, and several other Persons of Note, have lately died of that Distemper. [*It has been confidently reported that the Small Pox is now in this Town, which has prevented many Persons from coming to Town, to transact Business: But we can assure the Public, that Distemper has not been for some Years, nor now is, in any Family in this Town.*]

Last Friday *Martha Bassett* and *Mary Powell* were hanged at *Joppa*, pursuant to Sentence, for the Murder of Mrs. *Clarke*. The Execution of *John Berry*, the wicked Contriver of this Scene of Villainy, was deferr'd 'til Yesterday, when he was to be executed near the Place where the Murder was committed, and afterwards hung in Chains.

THE Subscriber having for some Time past declined carrying on the Blacksmith's Business in the City of *Annapolis*, hereby gives Notice, that he now carries on the said Business as formerly, at the same Place; and makes all new Work at 10*d.* per Pound, rough and unfiled: He therefore hopes for the Continuance of the Favours of his former Customers, who may rely on being well used, as well as all others who shall be pleased to employ him; but at the same Time desires his Customers not to be displeased, if asked for Payment after their Work is done.

He also as formerly carries on the Business of making Cordage of all Sorts and Sizes, fitting for any Vessels; where all Persons may be readily supplied, in as good and cheap a Manner as in *England*.

I pd. Thomas Williamson.

To be SOLD by Public Vendue,

On Saturday the 25th of this Instant January,

By *CHARLES PORTER*,

A TRACT of Land lately belonging to Mr. *Peter Porter*, deceased, lying near the Chapel at the Head of *Severn* River, containing 196 Acres, with a Dwelling House and other Improvements thereon. The Sale to be upon the Premises, at 12 o' Clock at Noon on the said Day.

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JUST PUBLISHED,

And to be SOLD by the Printer hereof,

THE LAWS made at the last Session of Assembly.

LOST,

COMING from the TUESDAY CLUB, in *North East* Street, on the 7th Instant, late in the Evening, a large

Silver BADGE MEDAL,

Double Gilt, fixed to a blue Ribbon about a Yard long: On one Side of the MEDAL is the Figure of a Heart inclosing two Hands joined; the Inscription within the Border,

THE
TUESDAY CLUB,
IN
Annapolis, Maryland,
MAY 14, 1746;

and round it,

CONCORDIA RES PARVÆ CRESCUNT.

On the Reverse is a Figure representing LIBERTY, in a sitting Posture, holding in her Hand a Lance, with a Cap on the Top of it: Near this Figure stands an Altar, inscribed,

LIBERTAS ET NATALE SOLUM;

and round the Border of the said Reverse,

CAROLUS COLE, ARMIGER, PRÆSES.

Whoever has found the said MEDAL, and will bring it to the Printer hereof, shall have TWO GUINEAS Reward.

ANTHONY SMITH,

At the House lately kept by Mr. JOHN CONNER, *about seven Miles from* London-Town, *on the Road to* West *River*, Calvert *County*, &c.

NOW keeps TAVERN; where Gentlemen may depend on good Entertainment, and the most civil Usage, from

their humble Servant,

Anthony Smith.

Port-Tobacco, November 30, 1751.

STRAYED away from the Subscriber, about the first of this Month, a small Bay Horse, thirteen Hands high, with a Star in his Forehead, a long Switch Tail, the two fore Feet white, branded on the near Buttock *AL* (joined together) and paces fast in a Curb Bridle; he was bred somewhere near *Nottingham* on *Patuxent*. Whoever will bring the said Horse to *Port-Tobacco*, shall have a Reward of Two Pistoles.

George Clarke.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living at *Elk-Ridge*, a Servant Man, named *Joseph Cranwell*, has a long Visage, and has many Scars on his Cheek Bone. Had on when he went away, a new white Cotton Jacket, a Pair of black Yarn Stockings, and Negro Flats.

Whoever secures the said Servant, and delivers him to the Subscriber, at *Elk-Ridge*, shall have THREE POUNDS Reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by

Jonathan Mullinux.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is in the Possession of *Lachland Duff*, in *Prince George's* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Grey Mare with wall Eyes, a short Tail, and has no Brand that can be discerned, her Hair being long.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Joseph Benton*, near *Rock* Creek in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a little Dark Bay Horſe, between 12 and 13 Hands high, has a ſmall Star in his Forehead, two or three ſmall Saddle Spots, and branded on the off Thigh with a Sort of Diamond, with ſeveral Croſſes in it.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *Peter Barnes*, at *Elk Ridge* in *Anne Arundel* County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Bay Gelding, has a Star in his Forehead, branded on the near Shoulder with a Brand which ſeems to be a large O, and on the off Buttock F; he has not been broke.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

To be Sold by Public Vendue,

On Thurſday the 5th Day of March *next, at the Plantation of* William Hunt, *Eſq; Merchant in* London, *ſituate on the main Road, between* London-Town *and* Queen Anne *Town*,

A PARCEL of choice Country born and other well ſeaſoned

NEGROES,

Conſiſting of Men, Women, Boys, and Girls, about 32 in the Whole Number; moſt of the Workers have been brought up to Plantation Buſineſs, among whom are ſundry Plowmen, a Houſe Carpenter and Cooper; ſome of the Women have been brought up in the Houſe, and underſtand ſewing, knitting, and ſpinning. Alſo, ſundry Black Cattle, among whom are two Pair of choice Oxen well broke, ſome Draught Horſes and Mares; ſeveral Kind of Plantation Utenſils, and a Quantity of *Indian* Corn.

The Sale to begin at 12 of the Clock on that Day, and continue 'til the Whole be Sold, by

Vachel Denton, Attorney in Fact for Mr. *Hunt*.

N. B. Time will be given for Payment of the Purchaſe Money, upon giving Security, if required.

TO BE SOLD

At the Printing-Office *in* Annapolis *the following* Books,

BISHOP of *Man* on the Sacrament, Merchant's Magazine, *Thompſon's* Seaſons, Teſtaments, *Sherlock* on Death, 8*vo*, Ditto, 12*mo*, *Wright* on Regeneration, Lives of Convicts, 3 Vol. Pſalters, *Bradley's* Dictionary, 2 Vol. Practice of Piety, Hiſtory of Theatres, Eccleaſtical Laws, 2 Vol. Manuſcript Sermons, Account of *Denmark*, Fabulous Dictionary, Life of *Didimy Archer*, Preſent for an Apprentice, Compleat Gentleman, Compleat Houſewife, *Æſop's* Fables, Chriſtian Heroe, Religion of Nature, Whole Duty of Man, Political Eſſays, Art of preſerving Health, *Plutus* the God of Riches, Devil turn'd Hermit, *Tennent's* Epiſtle to *Meade*, Buſineſs and Retirement. *New-York* Plot, *Pope's* Eſſay on Man, *Locke's* Eſſay abridged, *Hugo Grotius*, *Cornelius Tacitus*, *Anacreon*, *Virgilii* Opera, *M. Tullii Ciceronis* Orationes. *Ovidii* Triſtia, *Æſopi* Fabulæ, *Terentii* Comœdiæ, *C. Cornelius Tacitus*, Ditto 2 Vol. *Cornelius Nepos*, Ditto, *Latinè & Anglicè*, *Buchanani* Hiſtoria *Scotiæ*, *Ovidii* Metamorphoſeon *Buchanani* Poemata, *Horatius*. *&c*, *&c*.

STOLEN or ſtrayed from the Plantation of *Benedict Calvert*, Eſq; at *Mount-Pleaſant*, a Grey Horſe, about 13 Hands and a half high, branded with a W on the near Buttock, his Mane trimm'd, and his Forelock clipp'd. Whoever takes up the ſaid Horſe, and brings him to the aforeſaid Plantation, ſhall have Twenty Shillings Reward. 6

STOLEN from the Subſcriber living in *Kent* County, on the 11th of *November* laſt, a Pocket Book, having in it the Second and Third Bills of Exchange for 16*l*. Sterling, drawn by *Samuel Alleyne*, on Mr. *William Anderſon*, Merchant in *London*, payable to the Subſcriber: This is therefore to caution all Perſons from being impoſed upon with the ſaid Bills, for I have wrote to Mr. *Anderſon* not to pay them without further Advice.

X 6 *William Raſin.*

THERE is in the Cuſtody of the Subſcriber, a Negro Wench, who ſpeaks little or no *Engliſh*, and is ſuppoſed to be come from ſome Quarter in *Virginia*, high up *Potowmack*, ſays her Name is *Lucy*, that her Maſter's Name is *Jemmy*, and her Overſeer's Name is *Johnny*. Suppoſed to be run away ſince ſome Time laſt Summer. Whoever owns the ſaid Negro Wench, on making his Property appear, paying the Charge of this Advertiſement, and the Fees by Law Eſtabliſhed, may have her, by applying to

X6 *George Gordon*, Sheriff of *Frederick* County.

To be Sold by the Subſcriber,

A TRACT of Land, containing 375 Acres, adjoyning to Mr. *John Stevens's* Plantation, on the North Side of *Severn* River, and about nine Miles from *Annapolis*. Any Perſon inclining to purchaſe, may have a reaſonable Time allowed for Payment.

Alſo to be Sold, A likely Negro Boy, about 12 Years of Age.

X 6 *William Reynolds*

BROKE adrift from the Sloop *Roſe*, belonging to Col. *Edward Lloyd*, riding at Anchor between *Poplar* Iſland and *Kent* Point, the Wind at South-Eaſt, a Twelve Hogſhead Flat, with two Oars and a Grapnel; her Painter was a 2 and three Quarter Inch Rope, which was broke; ſhe had a Moulding round her upper Streak, and had been painted of a whitiſh Colour; her Keil ſon was broke about the middle; ſhe had ſeveral Slips of Lead nail'd over the Seams in her Bottom, and had but two Beams in her. Whoever will take Care of ſaid Flat, and give Intelligence thereof to Col. *Edward Lloyd* ſhall have Twenty Shillings Reward.

7 *Thomas Ormsby.*

TO BE SOLD,

By the Subſcriber, at his Store in London-Town,

VARIETY of *European* and *India* GOODS, proper for the Winter Seaſon, at the loweſt Prices, for Caſh, Bills of Exchange, or ſhort Credit.

9 *Thomas Meighan.*

N. B. The ſaid *Thomas Meighan* intending to leave this Province next Spring; all Perſons indebted to him, are deſired ſpeedily to make Payment: And thoſe who have any Demands, ſhall be paid on bringing in their Accounts.

THE Subſcriber having a good Barber, all Perſons who have any thing to do in that Way of Buſineſs, may have it done at the ſaid Subſcriber's Smith's Shop in *Annapolis*.

Patrick Creagh.

TO BE SOLD,

PART of a Tract of Land called *Claggett's Foreſt*, and other Lands adjoyning thereto, lying near the Head of *Buſh* River in *Baltimore* County, containing about Thirteen Hundred Acres.

ALSO,

A Tract of Land lying in the ſaid County, near the Branches of *Deer Creek*, called *Bond's Gratuity*, containing Four Hundred Acres.

Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe may know the Terms, by applying to

Philip Thomas.

JUST IMPORTED,

And to be SOLD by the Subſcriber, at his Store in Annapolis,

BARBADOES Rum, *Muſcovado* Sugar, *Vidonia* Wine, *Liſbon* Lemons, *Caſtile* Soap in Boxes, Chocolate, *Engliſh* Soal Leather, Cables and Cordage of all Sizes, Anchors and Ship Chandlery, with Variety of *European* and *India* Goods, by Wholeſale and Retale, for Money, Bills of Exchange, or Tobacco, at the loweſt Prices.

Stephen Weſt.

BROKE looſe from a Schooner at the Mouth of *South* River, A Boat about 10 Feet Keel, very narrow, deep, and ſtrong built: She drove aſhore about 2 Miles above the lower End of *Kent-Iſland*. Whoever brings the ſaid Boat to *Annapolis*, ſhall have Twenty Shillings Reward.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Nancy, *Capt.* Henderson, *from* London,

And to be SOLD by the Subſcriber, at his Store oppoſite the Church, in Annapolis,

GREAT Variety of *European* and *Baſt-India* GOODS, proper for the Winter Seaſon, by Wholeſale or Retale, at the loweſt Prices, for Caſh, Bills of Exchange, or ſhort Credit.

Daniel Wolfſenholme.

LIKEWISE,

Weſt-India Rum, Arrack, *London* Porter, White Wine Vinegar, Citron Water, *Caſtile* Soap, *Muſcovado* Sugar, *&c.*

JUST PUBLISHED,

(Containing 24 Pages in Folio, very neceſſary to be known by all Dealers in Tobacco)

THE Act of Parliament paſſed the laſt Seſſion at *Weſtminſter*, Entituled, *An Act for the more effectual ſecuring the Duties upon* Tobacco. To be Sold by the Printer hereof, Price 2*ſ* 6*d*.

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